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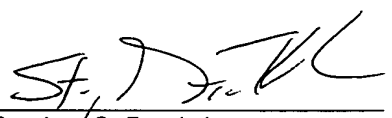
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with MPEP § 601 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of a first Office Action and, therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account

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No. 06-1135 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed herewith.

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The above documents are listed on Form PTO/SB/08 which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2), enclosed is a copy of each foreign patent document and non-patent literature document listed.

An English language abstract obtained from the Worldwide *esp@cenet* database provider is included herewith for the following foreign patent documents: DE 34 02 407 A1, EP 0 254 977 A1 (see also U.S. Patent 4,850,474), and FR 2 590 243 A1.

This application is a continuation in part of prior application number 10/270,813, filed October 15, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,823,983 B2 (Attorney Docket No.73636).

Applicants and the undersigned attorney also bring to the attention of the Examiner the following related patent application currently pending in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

U.S. PENDING PATENT APPLICATIONS

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11/012,058	12/14/2004	DeVries et al.	6182/83806

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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